

000 a year from the enormous trust fund, left in her name by Col. Astor, and the famous Astor home on Fifth avenue.

However, she will not feel the pinch of want. Dick has never enjoyed the income of an Astor, but he has a fortune of between \$2,000,000 and \$3,000,000 inherited from his grandfather, Wm. Dick, one of the pioneer sugar refiners of this country.

Wm. K. Dick, who is 28, is an active business man and official or director in half a dozen large corporations.

Like Mrs. Astor, who is now 24, he spent his childhood in Brooklyn, where he and the "pretty little Force girl" were playmates. As they grew up their ways parted and there was never the slightest hint that they had ever been in love.

The Madeline Force became the wife of Astor after a courtship that stirred society, because Mrs. Ava Willing Astor, the colonel's first wife, had obtained a divorce only a few months before.

Although both families were Episcopalians, it was impossible to find a clergyman of that denomination who was willing to perform the marriage ceremony.

Finally the wedding was performed by a Providence Congregational clergyman, Sept. 9, 1911, in the Astor villa at Newport.

Col. Astor was 47 and his bride 20. On Jan. 24 they left New York on a tour of the Nile country in Egypt. On their return they took the Titanic. Col. Astor was drowned when the ship went down, but Mrs. Astor was saved.

After the young widow's return to New York the colonel's posthumous son was born, August 14, 1912. This boy is well provided for in the colonel's will, which sets aside a trust fund for any children that might be born after Astor's death.

The marriage of Dick and Mrs. Astor came as a complete surprise to

society. The young suitor did his courting so quietly not even his friends suspected they were to be married.

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She is Lois Meredith, stage and screen star, only 18 years of age. She "mothers" a family of six younger brothers and sisters. She was the youngest star of the stage, following Laurette Taylor in the leading role of "Peg o' My Heart."

She has appeared in Pathe and Morisco photoplays and is now with the Balboa studios at Long Beach, Cal.

She is an American, but has spent part of her life in Ireland and France. She is fond of literature, music and dancing.

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There are probably 100,000 to 500,000 species of flies.